



## Mansion House Arts & Antiques Smithfield, Virginia

"Mansion House Arts & Antiques is a fine art and antiques store--Victorian to vintage--specializing in estate jewelry, sterling silver, artisan decorative accessories, oil paintings, and oil painting restoration."

**Green Statement:** "The owner has been environmentally concerned for a number of years. We grow organic fruit and herbs on the property. We are happy to support the 'bandwagon' effect of going green and to help preserve precious resources in the quality of air, water, and energy in a more defined and formalized way."

### CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Attractions

☒ **Recycling.** Virginia Green facilities must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles, or other disposable products purchased at the facility. Recycling of cardboard, plastic, paper, and composting of waste foods is highly encouraged as well. This facility pledges that they:

- Offer the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and other containers that have the recycling symbol
- Also recycle: steel cans, newspaper, office paper, cardboard
- Use rechargeable batteries

☒ **Minimize the use of disposable food service products.** The facility is required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable in the food service area. When disposable food service items are used, the facility is encouraged to use products that are made from bio-based or renewable resources, and to provide for the collection / recycling/ composting of food service items disposed of on the premises. This facility pledges that they:

- Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content
- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable (in your area!)

☒ **Reduce solid waste.** The facility must be actively working to reduce its solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:

*Kitchen (or during meetings/events)*

- Donate excess food from events
- Compost food waste and other compostables

*Dining room (or during meetings/events)*

- Use cloth napkins
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk

*Restrooms*

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper



#### *Office*

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Use refillable toner cartridges
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

#### *Buildings and grounds*

- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

☒ **Use water efficiently.** The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its water use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs

#### *Activities indoors*

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed high efficiency dishwashers

#### *Activities outdoors*

- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Have installed rain barrels
- Have installed drip line irrigation

☒ **Conserve energy.** The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its energy use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

#### *Heating and cooling*

- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on

#### *Lighting*

- Use natural lighting
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs where possible
- Have adopted a policy/practice to minimize the use of lighting during night cleaning

#### *Appliances and electronic devices*

- Replacing old equipment whenever possible with ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Replacing old office equipment with ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)



- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages
- Recycle as many materials as possible
- Encourage use of facility’s available linens and tableware or rental of additional items needed
- Developing further “green” incentives for groups

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For more information on **Mansion House Art & Antiques**, see [www.mansionhouseartandantiques.com](http://www.mansionhouseartandantiques.com) or [www.mansiongallery.com](http://www.mansiongallery.com) or contact Betty Clark at [mansiongallery@charter.net](mailto:mansiongallery@charter.net) or (757) 357-3968.

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia’s campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia’s tourism industry. **Virginia Green Attractions** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This attraction has met the established “core activities” for **Green Attractions** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen) or [www.virginiagreentravel.org](http://www.virginiagreentravel.org).



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